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Appendix A - Pending Claims

91. (New) A fenofibrate composition consisting essentially of granulates, wherein the granulates comprise inert carrier particles, at least one hydrophilic polymer and micronized fenofibrate particles having a size below 20  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer and the micronized fenofibrate particles are adhered onto the surface of the inert carrier particles.

92. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the weight ratio of micronized fenofibrate to hydrophilic polymer is between 1:10 and 4:1.

93. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles have a particle size between 50 and 500 microns.

94. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles have a particle size between 100 and 400 microns.

95. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

96. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer is a mixture of at least two hydrophilic polymers.

97. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein one or more of the inert carrier particles are isolated and/or agglomerated together.

98. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the composition is in the form of a tablet.

99. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

100. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the composition further contains at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

101. (New) The composition of claim 101, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating

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agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

102. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one outer phase and/or layer.

103. (New) The composition of claim 102, wherein the at least one outer phase and/or layer comprises at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

104. (New) The composition of claim 103, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

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105. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein two or more of the granulates are agglomerated together.

106. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the micronized fenofibrate particles have a particle size less than or equal to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

107. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are comprised of lactose, saccharose, hydrolyzed starch, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

108. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone, poly(vinyl alcohol), hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, gelatin, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

109. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one surfactant.

110. (New) The composition of claim 109, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of 0.1 to 10% by weight.

111. (New) The composition of claim 109, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

112. (New) The composition of claim 109, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate, monooleate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monolaurate polyoxyethylene sorbitane,

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monopalmitate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monostearate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, lecithin, stearyl alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, cholesterol, polyoxyethylene ricin oil, a polyoxyethylene fatty acid glyceride, a poloxamer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

113. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are present in an amount of 10 to 80% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 5 to 50% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 20 to 60% by weight.

114. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are present in an amount of 20 to 50% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 20 to 45% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 25 to 45% by weight.

115. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the composition has a dissolution of at least 10% in 5 minutes, 20% in 10 minutes, 50% in 20 minutes and 75% in 30 minutes, as measured using the rotating blade method at 75 rpm according to the European Pharmacopocia, in a dissolution medium constituted by water with 2% by weight polysorbate 80 or a dissolution medium constituted by water with 0.025 M sodium lauryl sulfate.

116. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 91, comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a micronized fenofibrate suspension in a solution of at least one hydrophilic polymer, and, optionally, at least one surfactant; wherein the micronized fenofibrate has a particle size below 20 microns;

(b) spraying the micronized fenofibrate suspension from step (a) onto inert carrier particles to form granules; and

(c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or more phase(s) or layer(s).

117. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein step (b) is carried out in a fluidized-bed granulator.

118. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising compressing the granules of step (b) or step (c).

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119. (New) A fenofibrate composition consisting essentially of granules, wherein the granules comprise: (i) carrier particles; and (ii) one or more layers comprising micronized fenofibrate and at least one hydrophilic polymer, wherein the one or more layers are deposited on the carrier particles.

120. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the weight ratio of micronized fenofibrate to hydrophilic polymer is between 1:10 and 4:1.

121. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are lactose, saccharose, hydrolyzed starch, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

122. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinyl pyrrolidone, poly(vinylalcohol), hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose; gelatin, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

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123. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer is a mixture of at least two hydrophilic polymers.

124. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are lactose and the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

125. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are present in an amount from 10 to 80% by weight; the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount from 5 to 50% by weight; and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount from 20 to 60% by weight.

126. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are present in an amount from 20 to 50% by weight; the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount from 20 to 45% by weight; and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount from 25 to 45% by weight.

127. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the composition has a dissolution of at least 10 % in 5 minutes, 20 % in 10 minutes, 50 % in 20 minutes and 75 % in 30 minutes, as measured using the rotating blade method at 75 rpm according to the European Pharmacopocia, in a dissolution medium constituted by water with 2 % by weight polysorbate 80 or a dissolution medium constituted by water with 0.025 M sodium lauryl sulfate.

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surfactant.

128. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the granules further comprise a surfactant.

129. (New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate, monooleate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monolaurate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monopalmitate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monostearate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, lecithin, stearyl alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, cholesterol, polyoxyethylene ricin oil, a polyoxyethylene fatty acid glyceride, a poloxamer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

130. (New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate.

131. (New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount from 0.1 to 3% by weight.

132. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the composition further contains at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

133. (New) The composition of claim 132, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

134. (New) A composition consisting essentially of granulates, wherein the granulates comprise carrier particles, at least one hydrophilic polymer and micronized fenofibrate particles; wherein the carrier particles have a particle size between 50 and 500 microns; wherein the micronized fenofibrate particles have a particle size below 20 microns; and wherein the weight ratio of micronized fenofibrate particles to hydrophilic polymer is between 1:10 and 4:1.

135. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles have a particle size between 100 and 400 microns.

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136. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer and the micronized fenofibrate particles are adhered to the surface of the carrier particles.

137. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

138. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the composition is in the form of a tablet.

139. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

140. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the composition further contains at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

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141. (New) The composition of claim 140, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

142. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one outer phase and/or layer.

143. (New) The composition of claim 142, wherein the at least one outer phase and/or layer comprises at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

144. (New) The composition of claim 143, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

145. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein two or more of the granulates are agglomerated together.

146. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the micronized fenofibrate particles have a particle size of less than or equal to 10  $\mu$ m.

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147. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are comprised of lactose, saccharose, hydrolyzed starch, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

148. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone, poly(vinyl alcohol), hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, gelatin, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

149. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one surfactant.

150. (New) The composition of claim 149, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

151. (New) The composition of claim 149, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate, monooleate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monolaurate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monopalmitate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monostearate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, lecithin, stearic alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, cholesterol, polyoxyethylene ricin oil, a polyoxyethylene fatty acid glyceride, a poloxamer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

152. (New) The composition of claim 149, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of 0.1 to 10% by weight.

153. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles present in an amount of 20 to 50% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 20 to 45% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 25 to 45% by weight.

154. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are present in an amount of 20 to 50% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 20 to 45% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 25 to 45% by weight.

155. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the composition has a dissolution of at least 10% in 5 minutes, 20% in 10 minutes, 50% in 20 minutes and 75% in 30 minutes, as measured using the rotating blade method at 75 rpm according to the European Pharmacopocia, in a dissolution medium constituted by water with 2 % by weight polysorbate 80 or a dissolution medium constituted by water with 0.025 M sodium lauryl sulfate.

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156. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein one or more of the carrier particles are isolated and/or agglomerated together.

157. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer is a mixture of at least two hydrophilic polymers.

158. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are lactose and the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

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159. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 134, comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a micronized fenofibrate suspension in a solution of at least one hydrophilic polymer, and, optionally, at least one surfactant; wherein the micronized fenofibrate has a particle size below 20 microns;

(b) spraying the micronized fenofibrate suspension from step (a) onto inert carrier particles having a particle size between 100 and 400 microns to form granules in a fluidized-bed granulator; and

(c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or more phase(s) or layer(s).

160. (New) The method of claim 159, further comprising compressing the granules of step (b) or step (c).

161. (New) A fenofibrate composition consisting essentially of granulates, wherein the granulates comprise carrier particles, at least one solid hydrophilic polymer and micronized fenofibrate particles having a size below 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .



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Appendix B - Amendments to Claims

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91. (New) A fenofibrate composition consisting essentially of granulates, wherein the granulates comprise inert carrier particles, at least one hydrophilic polymer and micronized fenofibrate particles having a size below 20  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer and the micronized fenofibrate particles are adhered onto the surface of the inert carrier particles.

92. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the weight ratio of micronized fenofibrate to hydrophilic polymer is between 1:10 and 4:1.

93. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles have a particle size between 50 and 500 microns.

94. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles have a particle size between 100 and 400 microns.

95. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

96. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer is a mixture of at least two hydrophilic polymers.

97. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein one or more of the inert carrier particles are isolated and/or agglomerated together.

98. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the composition is in the form of a tablet.

99. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

100. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the composition further contains at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

101. (New) The composition of claim 101, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating

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agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

102. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one outer phase and/or layer.

103. (New) The composition of claim 102, wherein the at least one outer phase and/or layer comprises at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

104. (New) The composition of claim 103, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

105. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein two or more of the granulates are agglomerated together.

106. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the micronized fenofibrate particles have a particle size less than or equal to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

107. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are comprised of lactose, saccharose, hydrolyzed starch, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

108. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone, poly(vinyl alcohol), hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, gelatin, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

109. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one surfactant.

110. (New) The composition of claim 109, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of 0.1 to 10% by weight.

111. (New) The composition of claim 109, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

112. (New) The composition of claim 109, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate, monooleate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monolaurate polyoxyethylene sorbitane,

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monopalmitate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monostearate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, lecithin, stearyl alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, cholesterol, polyoxyethylene ricin oil, a polyoxyethylene fatty acid glyceride, a poloxamer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

113. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are present in an amount of 10 to 80% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 5 to 50% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 20 to 60% by weight.

114. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the inert carrier particles are present in an amount of 20 to 50% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 20 to 45% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 25 to 45% by weight.

115. (New) The composition of claim 91, wherein the composition has a dissolution of at least 10% in 5 minutes, 20% in 10 minutes, 50% in 20 minutes and 75% in 30 minutes, as measured using the rotating blade method at 75 rpm according to the European Pharmacopocia, in a dissolution medium constituted by water with 2% by weight polysorbate 80 or a dissolution medium constituted by water with 0.025 M sodium lauryl sulfate.

116. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 91, comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a micronized fenofibrate suspension in a solution of at least one hydrophilic polymer, and, optionally, at least one surfactant; wherein the micronized fenofibrate has a particle size below 20 microns;

(b) spraying the micronized fenofibrate suspension from step (a) onto inert carrier particles to form granules; and

(c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or more phase(s) or layer(s).

117. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein step (b) is carried out in a fluidized-bed granulator.

118. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising compressing the granules of step (b) or step (c).

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119. (New) A fenofibrate composition consisting essentially of granules, wherein the granules comprise: (i) carrier particles; and (ii) one or more layers comprising micronized fenofibrate and at least one hydrophilic polymer, wherein the one or more layers are deposited on the carrier particles.

120. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the weight ratio of micronized fenofibrate to hydrophilic polymer is between 1:10 and 4:1.

121. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are lactose, saccharose, hydrolyzed starch, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

122. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinyl pyrrolidone, poly(vinylalcohol), hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose; gelatin, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

123. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer is a mixture of at least two hydrophilic polymers.

124. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are lactose and the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

125. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are present in an amount from 10 to 80% by weight; the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount from 5 to 50% by weight; and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount from 20 to 60% by weight.

126. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the carrier particles are present in an amount from 20 to 50% by weight; the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount from 20 to 45% by weight; and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount from 25 to 45% by weight.

127. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the composition has a dissolution of at least 10 % in 5 minutes, 20 % in 10 minutes, 50 % in 20 minutes and 75 % in 30 minutes, as measured using the rotating blade method at 75 rpm according to the European Pharmacopocia, in a dissolution medium constituted by water with 2 % by weight polysorbate 80 or a dissolution medium constituted by water with 0.025 M sodium lauryl sulfate.

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surfactant.

128. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the granules further comprise a surfactant.

129. (New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate, monooleate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monolaurate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monopalmitate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monostearate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, lecithin, stearyl alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, cholesterol, polyoxyethylene ricin oil, a polyoxyethylene fatty acid glyceride, a poloxamer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

130. (New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate.

131. (New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount from 0.1 to 3% by weight.

132. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the composition further contains at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

133. (New) The composition of claim 132, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

134. (New) A composition consisting essentially of granulates, wherein the granulates comprise carrier particles, at least one hydrophilic polymer and micronized fenofibrate particles; wherein the carrier particles have a particle size between 50 and 500 microns; wherein the micronized fenofibrate particles have a particle size below 20 microns; and wherein the weight ratio of micronized fenofibrate particles to hydrophilic polymer is between 1:10 and 4:1.

135. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles have a particle size between 100 and 400 microns.

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136. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer and the micronized fenofibrate particles are adhered to the surface of the carrier particles.

137. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

138. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the composition is in the form of a tablet.

139. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

140. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the composition further contains at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

141. (New) The composition of claim 140, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

142. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one outer phase and/or layer.

143. (New) The composition of claim 142, wherein the at least one outer phase and/or layer comprises at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

144. (New) The composition of claim 143, wherein the at least one pharmaceutical excipient is at least one binder, at least one filler, at least one pigment, at least one disintegrating agent, at least one lubricant, at least one wetting agent, at least one buffer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

145. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein two or more of the granulates are agglomerated together.

146. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the micronized fenofibrate particles have a particle size of less than or equal to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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147. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are comprised of lactose, saccharose, hydrolyzed starch, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

148. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone, poly(vinyl alcohol), hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, gelatin, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

149. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the granulates further comprise at least one surfactant.

150. (New) The composition of claim 149, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

151. (New) The composition of claim 149, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate, monooleate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monolaurate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monopalmitate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, monostearate polyoxyethylene sorbitane, sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, lecithin, stearic alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, cholesterol, polyoxyethylene ricin oil, a polyoxyethylene fatty acid glyceride, a poloxamer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

152. (New) The composition of claim 149, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of 0.1 to 10% by weight.

153. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles present in an amount of 20 to 50% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 20 to 45% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 25 to 45% by weight.

154. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are present in an amount of 20 to 50% by weight, the micronized fenofibrate is present in an amount of 20 to 45% by weight, and the hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of 25 to 45% by weight.

155. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the composition has a dissolution of at least 10% in 5 minutes, 20% in 10 minutes, 50% in 20 minutes and 75% in 30 minutes, as measured using the rotating blade method at 75 rpm according to the European Pharmacopocia, in a dissolution medium constituted by water with 2 % by weight polysorbate 80 or a dissolution medium constituted by water with 0.025 M sodium lauryl sulfate.

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156. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein one or more of the carrier particles are isolated and/or agglomerated together.

157. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the at least one hydrophilic polymer is a mixture of at least two hydrophilic polymers.

158. (New) The composition of claim 134, wherein the carrier particles are lactose and the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

159. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 134, comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a micronized fenofibrate suspension in a solution of at least one hydrophilic polymer, and, optionally, at least one surfactant; wherein the micronized fenofibrate has a particle size below 20 microns;

(b) spraying the micronized fenofibrate suspension from step (a) onto inert carrier particles having a particle size between 100 and 400 microns to form granules in a fluidized-bed granulator; and

(c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or more phase(s) or layer(s).

160. (New) The method of claim 159, further comprising compressing the granules of step (b) or step (c).

161. (New) A fenofibrate composition consisting essentially of granulates, wherein the granulates comprise carrier particles, at least one solid hydrophilic polymer and micronized fenofibrate particles having a size below 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .